
THE ENGLISH MAIL
The E. and O. steamer *Arctura*, with English mail, left Singapore at 6 A.M. 6th, and may be expected to arrive here the 12th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICE
The authorised List of Mails in connection with this paper is the one published each day in our Extra, which is corrected to a much later hour than that below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta

For Japan, viz. Kobe.—For *Expedition* to-day, the 12th instapt, at 5 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor is in order, under Section XII. of the Postal Ordinance, that Late Fee and Correspondence posted after certain hours in Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, unless as aforesaid.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES MAIL PACKET

The United States Mail Packet "DECATUR" will be despatched on SATURDAY, 11th November, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry closes.

2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters to United Countries may be posted on the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra.

Correspondence for Non-Union West or Paraguay cannot be sent by this route.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACET

The British Contract Packet "ZAMBEZI" will be despatched on SATURDAY, 11th 1874 instapt, with Mails to and from United Kingdom and Europe, *via* the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACET.
The French Contract Packet "Le Cap" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY 24th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom, and to the Colonies, Straits Settlements, Datarin, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE OFFICES.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.
NOON, Money Order Offices close.
2 P.M., Registry of Letters closes. Post office closed.
All printed matter and papers closes.
3 P.M. Mails closed, except for Lido Letters.
3.10 P.M. Letters may be posted with Fee of 10 cents until
3.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes and no more letters may be posted.
3.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on condition of Late Fee of 10 cents at time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
TUESDAY.
5 P.M. Money Order Offices closes. Post Office closed except the night box, which is open out of office hours.
WEDNESDAY.—
7 A.M. Post Office opens.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes. Post Office closed.
All printed matter and papers closes.
11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Lido Letters.
11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes and no more letters may be posted.
11.40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on condition of Late Fee of 10 cents at time of departure.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.
1.—Privates in the Army or Navy, commissioned Officers,* Army School (except Superintending or First Class) or (military) may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom, Brasilia, and Mauritius at the rate of four cents (Tropical) or six cents (Temperate) per letter. Imprints may be prepaid either in Imperial or in local Stamps.
2.—The same privileges apply to letter writers of the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.
3.—All such letters prepaid at the rate of two cents (on penny) will be forwarded from the United Kingdom by private mail and not by the packet mail.
4.—Letters sent to London leave Hongkong London about every ten days, and are for

5.—The letters must not exceed half an

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his description must be stated in full on the cover of which must be signed by the commanding Officer, with name of regiment, &c., in full.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no pr

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.:—Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Correspondence for the West Indies (those belonging to the Postal Union, i. e., the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Monte Video and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SEA.

When it is desired to forward letters United States by a sailing ship which is

tioned as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, *per half ounce*, with the name of the ship, and prepaid *Si* *per half ounce* as usual. This Office then forwards the letters to the respective ports of destination and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

Many boxes of letters are received at this Office not sealed, that is to say, the letters are fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of correspondents is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such letters with some recognizable seal, and of sending them in a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the destination, and it is not possible to ascertain whether or not them might not have been stolen for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

To provide means of forwarding small letters, the following is the mode of doing so:

the Ports of China, the Postmasters and of this Office are allowed (but not requi

The Stamps tendered for sale must exceed \$50 in value, must be perfectly old, in good condition, and in strips of at least 10 separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

Letters containing Stamps should be submitted, and the Stamps should be secured under observation.

A Pillar Box has been established at the Point Police Station (opposite the S. Home), and another at the South front of the Harbour Department.

The hours of clearance are as follow :—

West Point	10.00	2.00
Harbour Department	10.15	2.15
Letter received at the Post Office	10.30	2.30

Correspondence of all kinds posted in box before the first clearance on mail day is in time for the Homeward Mail.

All correspondence for Hongkong will be delivered the same day.

Residents who keep a postal account with this Office may post local correspondence in these boxes without stamps, provided the sender's name or recognised device appears on the title.

Local correspondence means that for Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China.

Mails closing at the Post Office are:

